

REMARKS

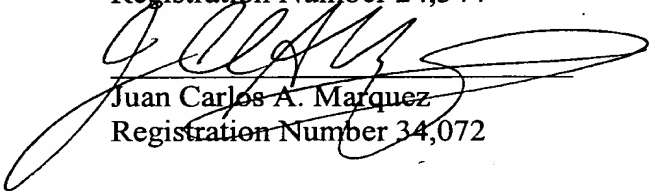
The following remarks are being submitted as a supplemental response to the Official Action dated December 10, 2003. The response was filed March 5, 2004. In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

In accordance with the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, Applicant has amended the specification and submit replacement drawings for Figures 4 and 18. The views have been consecutively renumbered and are believed to be in compliance.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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